

1 October 1958

TRADE CONTROLS BRANCH
MONTHLY REPORT for
September 1958

A. Accomplishments

1. During the latter half of this month, intelligence support was provided on a daily basis to ACEP Operating Committee's review of the U. S. security export control list. Commerce's recommendations to the O. C., which utilize the Fact Sheets prepared by this Agency for the recent COCOM list review as well as the intelligence provided at those meetings, are generally acceptable to the members although Defense has registered an objection to proposed downgrading of items in about 20-25 percent of the cases reviewed. The O. C.'s recommendations as to the extent of control to be exercised over the more than 300 items now comprising the list are to be presented to the Secretary of Commerce by 2 October for his decision. ()

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2. A justification was made and accepted for the subsidizing of a trip to Poland by () source for the purpose of checking upon Polish commitments not to transship or re-export to other Sino-Soviet Bloc countries strategic materials sent to that country for the civilian economy. Requirements were also prepared for the source. ()

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3. A contribution on Strategic Trade Controls was made to S-364, "Cold War Problems." ()

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4. Support was given to DD/P/PP concerning intelligence (not obtainable elsewhere in the Agency) on one of their sources, which was of a derogatory nature. This may possibly result in dropping the source. The case is unusual because S/TD support in many instances in the past has been directed to DD/P's efforts to secure new sources.

5. A talk was given to the European Satellite Committee about the significance of the new International Export Control Lists. ()

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6. At the request of Chief, D/S, an investigation was made of the facilities in ORR and State Department for the study of newly-concluded Trade Agreements between countries of the Sino-Soviet Bloc and the Free World for indications of interest in recently-decontrolled and controlled commodities. ()

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7. Intelligence support was provided as necessary to EDAC WG II on 44 Administrative Action cases; five transaction cases were established on possible diversions of strategic material to the Soviet Bloc; and 39 requests for name intelligence were serviced for the Departments of State, Treasury, and Commerce, and for DD/P and OCR. [REDACTED]

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8. Intelligence was also provided to (a) ACEP Operating Committee on 2 Polish exceptions and 4 other exceptions; (b) EDAC WG I on 6 Polish exceptions, 4 other exceptions, and on 4 rating and definition cases; and (c) the Office of the DD/I in connection with 4 port security cases.

9. Approximately 100 COCOM documents dealing with the recent list review have been reviewed by S/TD for the purpose of determining whether CIA materials appearing therein may be downgraded from Secret to Confidential. No CIA material was found in any of the documents that could not be downgraded to Confidential. [REDACTED]

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10. A total of 1,815 documents were scanned of which 109 were selected for multiple carding; 10 evaluations were made of CS documents, one clearance of CS and OO material was secured at the request of member agencies of the Diversion Control Panel, and a requirement submitted for a Yugoslav pharmaceutical expert.

11. Meetings Attended: Port Security (1), ACEP Operating Committee (11), EDAC WG I (5), EDAC WG II (1), EDAC WG II (AAP) (3).

B. Administration

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3. [REDACTED] is taking an OTR course in report writing [REDACTED]

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